

Morning

PUBLISHES FULL ASSOCIATED PRESS REPORT



Astorian.

COVERS THE MORNING FIELD ON THE LOWER COLUMBIA

33rd YEAR, NO. 249

ASTORIA, OREGON, SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25, 1908

PRICE FIVE CENTS

20,000 SPEED MANIACS WITNESS ROBINSON WIN CUP

Another New American Auto Speed Record.

A TWO MAN CONTEST

Owing to Unmanageable Throgs Judges Disqualify All But the Two Leaders.

AUTO CRASHES INTO CROWD

Spectators Beyond Control Rush Into Track Just as Machine is Coming Down the Course—Auto Flies Into Crowd Injuring Only One.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—Before a crowd of 20,000 speed-mad motor enthusiasts, most of whom sat up the entire night, in an intermittent shower, to be early on hand, George R. Robinson, driving a 120 horsepower locomobile won the 14th Vanderbilt cup race today, creating the new American record for road racing and for the first time in history of race, gaining a victory for America. Herbert Lytle at the wheel of a 50 horsepower Italian Isotta car finished second, one minute 48 1-5 seconds behind the winner. Owing to overflowing of crowds, upon the grandstand the race was called off without any of the others being permitted officially to complete the contest. The race, which was the most hotly contested in the annals in sport of this country, brought together at daybreak 17 cars of which 11 were American, three German, two French and one Italian. Although the time of the winner, 4 hours 48 1-5 seconds, established a new record, the average speed was 64 3-10 miles an hour, mere figures giving but a faint idea of the magnitude of performance. Not only was the course wet and slippery, but another and greater element of danger was the obstruction by the crowds, which early became unmanageable. The racers had to open up a line for themselves by running full tilt into the mass, which parted just enough to let them through. After the first two cars had shot by the finishing line, the throng broke all the bonds and swarming into the roadway, in front of the grandstand, formed impenetrable wall of humanity. Into this barrier dashed James Florida, driving a locomobile, but

almost miraculously he killed no one. When the crowd fell back, however, officials using a water hose to disperse it, a youth of 18 lay in the roadway, his leg crushed. With this one exception the race came off without serious accident, though mishaps to the contestants and the cars were plentiful.

MACK GIVES HIS VIEWS ON ELECTION

DECLARES NEW YORK IS CERTAIN TO CARRY BRYAN TO VICTORY.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—National Chairman Mack authorized a statement today in which he claimed the election of Bryan by a landslide. He announced his reports show that Bryan will receive at least 301 electoral votes or 59 more than necessary to elect. In the course of his statement he says: "In addition to the 166 votes of the solid South, and in this I include Maryland, I am confident Bryan will carry New York, New Jersey, Connecticut, Idaho, Montana, Colorado, Nebraska, Nevada, Indiana, Ohio, Delaware, Kansas, and South Dakota, with total of 301 votes. All over the country there is a change of 25 to 50 per cent from Republican vote of 1904 to Bryan." Mack says there is no longer any doubt in New York; that the empire state's vote is assured to Bryan. He says he speaks from information gained from thorough canvass and reports from every county in the state.

He says Connecticut, the candidate for governor will carry the state by 20,000 and has the best chance in years for winning electoral votes. In New Jersey there is every reason, he says, to believe the state will be in the democratic column.

In Delaware Mack says he expects to win for the reason that the people are "Hot after resentment of party banded with Dupontism."

In Indiana and Ohio, says Mack, every element is working for Democratic success despite the great Republican majorities of previous years. Mack concedes Illinois doubtful with chances in Taft's favor.

The Pacific Coast states, Mack thinks, show democratic claim, and the mountain states he declares will be found in the Democratic column. Mack also said today that he understood that the Republican organization had accumulated \$3,000,000 which will be used in the debatable states, "But," he said, "They cannot defeat us with \$50,000,000." Mack added that the action at the

(Continued on page 8)

HEAVY SEAS DAMAGED STEAMER PLANT

Part of Shingle Cargo Washed Overboard.

MARSHFIELD, Or., Oct. 24.—While going to sea today the steamer M. F. Plant was struck by a heavy sea which caused her to veer and before she could straighten up five other breakers struck her, washing overboard a portion of her deckload of shingles. The Plant proceeded outside where she anchored. She flew the signal of "Met accident. Send boat with hauler."

The Eureka passed out half an hour later and stood by the Plant a few minutes and then proceeded.

Later in the day a steam schooner north-bound, ran close in and stood by the Plant for quarter of an hour, afterwards proceeding on her way.

The Plant is now lying at anchor off the bar considerably listed. No fears are expressed for her safety as she appears to be riding easy and the weather conditions are favorable. She will probably be towed back here in the morning. The Plant had a number of passengers aboard including Captain Emory of the lifesaving station and Jack Bliss, a baseball player.

HEARST TO MAKE HOME IN NEVADA

Thought to be First Step Toward Presidential Chair.

RENO, Nev., Oct. 24.—Word comes from New York that W. R. Hearst will soon take up his residence in Nevada for the alleged purpose of becoming a candidate for United States Senator in 1910 using this as a step to the presidency. Information is not authoritative but it has created a sensation here and the city awaits the appearance of the editor with an announcement of his intentions. A New York dispatch says his physicians orders are responsible for the change. It is said that Hearst recently issued orders to Chairman Cole of the Nevada branch of the Independence Party to spend no more money in the campaign.

JAPANESE OFFICIAL

TOKIO, Oct. 24.—Baron Yoshiro Sakatani, who was minister of finance in the late cabinet, and whose reappointment to that post, now administered jointly with the premiership by Premier Katsura, arrived in Tokio this afternoon. It is believed that his appointment will soon be announced.

THE ASTORIA MAYORALTY AS IT FIGURES AT PRESENT

How the Republican Nominee, Samuel Elmore, Views the Honor and the Responsibility.

STRAIGHTFORWARD STATEMENT IN INTERVIEW

Full List of Petitioners for Various Nominations on the City Official Staff and the Men in Alignment Are Interestingly Reviewed.

When it became known yesterday that Samuel Elmore had consented to permit the use of his name for the office of Mayor of this city, he was constantly surrounded with eager friends who sought to express their unqualified pleasure in the confirmation and to express their purpose of standing closely by him until the hour popular confirmation should arrive. So the day was practically given over to the matter of the new departure and he allowed the course of business to be diverted in deference to the rush and the pleasure it brought him; for Samuel Elmore is frankly conscious of the public demand that has been made upon him and cherishes deeply the kindly interest and concern of his fellow citizens. He is true enough Astorian to know all it means to him and the city; and by the time a reporter for the Morning Astorian reached him with a request for an interview, he was exactly in the humor to express himself sincerely and gratefully. Mr. Elmore is not given to elaboration; his style is instinctly terse and direct and, in response to the reporter's request, spoke briefly, as follows: "It has not been an easy matter for me to get my own consent to enter this particular field of endeavor, because it entails no little sacrifice of my business time and interests; I say this in no spirit of deprecation, for the honor my friends have done me is profoundly appreciated, but everyone here knows how wide a range of affairs my office and business relations cover, and they will understand that the mayoralty must, of necessity, interfere to no small extent, with the course of that business."

"I have been here many years; my record is made and known of all men; there can be no sort of ambiguity as to my general attitude on civic affairs in this city, and if any there be it will be dissipated as soon as I can get down to work in the mayoralty. I intend to do by the city as I do by my private concerns, treating everything in a strictly business way so far as the rules of business shall apply; and this without bias of any sort, political, religious or commercial. I shall have plans, and see that they are not carried out in any haphazard fashion; they will be submitted to my colleagues in all candor, for the general good of the city, and I expect to have them digested and applied quickly and effectively, upon that hypothesis; I will not be run by politicians, nor factions, nor specious cliques with specious pleas; what is done must be for the common interest of the taxpayers at all times and the methods must be open and popularly understood in every instance and connection. "I shall adhere to the ordinances and make them a gospel of success if they are amenable to such honest construction, and if they are inoperative, then I shall have them repealed, amended or substituted, and all obnoxious features eliminated and their application and use made sure and easy. There is no idea in my mind of posing as a reform mayor; if any distinction shall attach to my administration (provided I am elected, of course), it will be that of "business," clean, straight-forward, simple, and nothing short of that. I intend to so measure the honor that is done me in this case that I may not fall short in a single thing; that is my position in a sentence, and you are at liberty to publish this assurance with my fullest authority, since there is nothing I can add that will further enlighten my fellow-citizens."

(Continued on page 8)

ASTORIA MERCHANTS ARE AGAIN VICTIMS OF BAD CHECKS

BRYAN IN NEW YORK.

ELMIRA, N. Y., Oct. 24.—Closing the night with a monster demonstration, Colonel Bryan's advent into the Empire State was auspicious. "It has been a red letter day," remarked the candidate. He was greeted all the way through the Southern tier by enormous crowds.

MURDERS WIFE, CHILD AND THEN SUICIDES

SEATTLE HUCKSTER TAKES THIS ACTION IN PREFERENCE TO A DIVORCE.

SEATTLE, Oct. 24.—A. J. Pathurst, a wholesale huckster, who today shot his wife, three-year-old child and baby, and then fatally shot himself, died tonight. The tragedy is extremely sensational. The man and wife quarreled over the husband's addiction to liquor.

This morning divorce papers were served on him. He took the whole family for a day's outing and while the children were playing on the grassy slope, Pathurst and his wife had further words because of her refusal to withdraw the divorce papers, following which he shot Mrs. Pathurst. He turned the weapon on the child next, and taking the baby up in one hand he fired a shot through its head. His final act was to shoot himself.

ENDS UNDECIDED.

PHILADELPHIA, Oct. 24.—Pennsylvania and the Carlisle Indians played each other to a standstill in a football game today, the final score being six to six. Pennsylvania scored in the first ten minutes of the game. In the second half, Indiana reversed this. In the first half Pennsylvania had it much her own way and in the second the Indians had the best of the argument.

TAFT QUILTS INDIANA.

GARY, Ind., Oct. 24.—Three days of Judge Taft's Indiana campaign ended tonight and the big Ohian is now speeding to New York which is to be the scene of his activity next week. In the throngs which greeted Taft all of today in close attention and cordiality, his third day in the Hoosier state fully equalled two which preceded it. The candidate made 17 speeches during the day.

JAPAN BIDS FLEET A FOND FAREWELL

Beautiful and Touching Celebration Accorded Americans by the Japanese People.

YOKOHAMA, Oct. 25.—The never before been seen or heard of American battleship fleet departed from Yokohama at 8 o'clock this (Sunday) morning for Olangapo, P. I. The day was beautiful and clear and the warships passing down the bay with the Japanese escort presented a fine appearance. There was not a single desecration from the fleet while here and the conduct of the men was remarkably orderly. President Roosevelt's message to Emperor and Japanese people, thanking them for the splendid reception, will be handed to the Emperor through the foreign office to which it was presented by Ambassador O'Brien. The send-off accorded the American fleet was such a celebration as has

Smooth Workers Land \$360 or Probably More.

MEN ARE IN CUSTODY

Acting Chief O'Berg Makes Quick Work of the Capture of the Culprits.

WORKED A VERY EASY GAME

Two Men Deposit \$130 in Bank and Draw Checks to Nearly That Amount Then Draw Larger Checks and Collect Same.

Two men, who are accused of being smooth workers in their line of business, were brought to bay last night, and as a result probably several of Astoria's merchants have been saved from being the victims of their often shown willingness to cash checks for strangers. The trick has been worked before this in our city, and it is surprising that the scheme can be repeated as often as it is.

Two men entered Astoria a few days ago and proceeded to do business immediately. Cards were ordered printed bearing the imprint "Astoria Investment Co., Singer & Kramer, representatives." These cards were scattered promiscuously around the city and were used by the "smooth" men in their business transactions.

Then business commenced. Singer went to the Astoria National Bank and deposited \$130 receiving a pass book showing the deposit, and a blank check book, which figures extensively in the case. This book shows that he went to several merchants and purchased goods, mostly jewelry, in small amounts and issued checks for same but was careful that the amounts did not exceed the amount of the deposit. About \$128.50, according to check stubs, was drawn and no doubt these checks were cashed early yesterday which made the work of the conspirators easy.

Yesterday the duo began the reaping of the harvest, and issued checks (Continued on page 8)

HEARST BLACKENS CLEVELAND'S NAME

Editor Now Accuses Departed Hero of Having Had Crooked Dealings With Standard Oil.

NEW YORK, Oct. 24.—W. R. Hearst read more Standard Oil letters tonight at two mass meetings, one in Brooklyn and the other in Carnegie Hall. Thomas L. Higgen, the Independence candidate for president, Clarence J. Shearn, candidate for governor and others preceded Hearst at Carnegie Hall. In the course of his address Hearst said the Standard Oil Company has been largely instrumental in deciding every national election for past 20 years. He said Cleveland was supported by it, that it affiliated with

Mark Hanna, but that it regarded Roosevelt with considerable distrust and dismay. During an address someone in the audience shouted as Cleveland's name was mentioned: "Don't drag in names of the dead, let the dead rest in their graves."

Hearst prefaced the reading of letters by bidding the audience farewell, he said, information has been conveyed to him that if he will stop reading the letters now, all will be forgiven, but if he continues the whole power of the Standard Oil will be exercised against him.